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Dear Harold,

This letter is about nothing in particular--just a few random points.

You asked about explosives and wounds, etc. I looked through a few references and found only a bit in one, the book by LeMoyne Snyder. He is not specific and prefaces his remarks by saying that this is a very variable field. He says, though, that in order for flesh to be removed from a body in a dynamite explosion, the body must be within the area of the "flash." He says the explosion generates the same amount of force in all directions, i.e., it does not explode in one direction. Also, the force of the explosion decreases as the distance from the source increases.

I went over all of the Times-Picayunes at our library which covered the Shaw trial. Who was the Harry Connick of the Justice Dept. who accompanied Finck and why was he there? Believe it or not, I never knew that Dulles had died.

Remember what I suggested in my last letter about the neck bullet fragmenting prior to hitting the throat? And the problem of what would cause it to fragment? Please don't think me silly, but I have a little idea which you might want to think about. Perhaps you know of something which might support or vitiate it. Suppose that a front shot hit JFK's right hand somewhere around 189-199. The major portion of the bullet could have stuck in the hand(I suppose a varminter would explode in the hand and produce a large exit on the palm side with most of the bullet remaining and some fragments escaping.) I know of no reference at all to hand damage. However, even if you consider it unwarrented, there is still the fact that the Panel never saw X-rays or photos of the hands. Also remember the ellipses about the "jerkiness" of JFK right hand at this time. Also consider what has always puzzled me. When JFK brings his hands up, he puts the right one over his mouth and presses it with his left. This is a typical reaction to a hand wound. Of course, we really cannot know just what he was reacting to. I offer it only as a theory. I do not believe that Z has the degree of resolution which would allow a hand wound as I postulate to show up.

All for now.

Best,

Sylvia

cc Dick